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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of House Foreign Affairs Committee on the  
Formosa Situation

1. CIA participated in a briefing of House Foreign Affairs Committee on 22 October 1958 on the Formosa situation. The session lasted from 10:30 until 5 o'clock. The Chairman of the full Committee had requested agency participation although technically the hearing was chaired by Mr. Zablocki, Chairman of the Far East Subcommittee. Those present included:

Committee on Foreign Affairs

✓ Clement J. Zablocki  
✓ A. S. J. Carnahan  
✓ J. L. Pilcher  
✓ Thomas E. Morgan  
✓ Omar Burleson

✓ Leonard Farbstein  
✓ Barratt O'Hara  
✓ Chester E. Merrow  
✓ Frances P. Bolton  
✓ J. P. Rutherford

Staff

Roy J. Bullock  
Boyd Crawford

Albert G. F. Westphal

Department of State

William B. Macomber, Jr.  
Edward Martin

J. Graham Parsons  
John Holcomb

Department of Defense

Rear Admiral W. S. Post, Jr., USN  
Major William M. Jones, USA

Cdr. H. C. Allendorfer, Jr. USN  
Lt. Col. J. B. Fishburn, USAF

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2. It had been previously agreed that State would carry the burden of the briefing and the military group would present the military situation and related factors. CIA prepared no formal statement. The hearing was in executive session and Mr. Zablocki was liberal in permitting questions or answers to be off the record. Most of the members present seemed sincerely interested in learning the facts of the situation. Mr. Farbstein did push Mr. Macomber a little particularly on the basic policy question of why should we risk war for "two little rocks."

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3. Mr. Zablocki was very courteous and expressed appreciation for the Agency having its representatives available. Several questions were directed at the Agency on the intelligence situation

While the Agency participation was small, it appeared to be well received and Mrs. Bolton particularly was complimentary.

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4. Participation at this briefing represented the 24th appearance before Congressional committees of the 85th Congress.

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